

## **Alternatives to the sustainable growth rate**

**ISSUE:** The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 requires that the Commission report on alternatives to the sustainable growth rate system to update physician fees by March 2007.

**KEY POINTS:** This month we will present information on additional reforms designed to improve the value of physician services that Medicare pays for, as well as potential modifications to the way the national SGR system sets an allowed spending target.

**ACTION:** This session is designed to present potential reforms and SGR modifications and receive Commissioner feedback.

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